

FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

Our Special Correspondent Writes Entertainingly of Things at Washington.

Statesmen, politicians and journalists, of whom there are always many in Washington, whether congress is in session or during vacation, are just now devoting themselves to cabinet making and to the discussion of the senatorial prospects of various men prominent in political and official life, with side glances at the tariff tinkering which is going on in the office halls of the house of representatives, west of the capitol.

It has been the expectation of many that Secretary Root would be retained as premier, or the head of Taft's cabinet, but it is now known that the distinguished secretary cannot be retained by President-elect Taft. He and the president-elect are close friends. Their association for years at President Roosevelt's cabinet table has built up a mutual regard and confidence, but Secretary Root seeks another and a more active field. "Seeks" is perhaps not the word. It is being thrust upon him. He is not and never has been a seeker or a candidate, but in this case, as in others, the office is seeking the man. It is expected that he will succeed Senator Platt of New York and the contrast between the two men is sharp enough to mark an era and emphasize a revolution. Thousands, perhaps millions, of pessimists will take heart and hope when the attorneyship of the express companies shall, in the person of Senator Platt, be removed from the floor of the senate, and when a man of the fame and force of Root shall represent, in the American house of peers, the most populous and the wealthiest state of the union. He will do more than represent the state; he will represent the United States and his counsel and influence will not be withheld from his friend in the White House.

The postmaster general has completed his report, which will go with the president's message to congress. It shows a deficit of over sixteen millions of dollars, the greatest deficit in the history of the department. The reason of this deficit is that the government permits the express companies to filch from it the profitable end of the mail carrying business. The department is employing over thirty thousand carriers on the rural routes and some of these are able to put in their pockets all the mail that they carry. But this country lags behind the rest of the civilized world and a large portion of the half-civilized or barbaric peoples of Asia, and is without the parcels post, a most important and necessary appendage of modern life. "There are four objections to the parcels post," said Postmaster General Wanamaker years ago. "They are the four express companies." But if there was a parcels post, such as they have in all European countries and in some Asiatic countries, such as they have in Egypt and Northern Africa, eighteen millions of persons who are served by the rural route system could have a greatly superior and actually indispensable service, and instead of a yearly deficit of millions of dollars, the postal service would be a source of profit to the government.

The tariff reformers, as they are flatteringly called, have been in session for a week at the capitol and it is predicted that much work will be done before the assembling of congress; that more work will be done in taking evidence and revising the schedules during the short session or before the fourth of March, and that finally the work

will be completed and a revised tariff bill passed at the special session of the sixty-first congress which is to be called soon after the fourth of March.

Two definite and positive statements have been made regarding the personnel of Mr. Taft's cabinet. One is that he has given the question of cabinet appointments no consideration and will not do so for several weeks; and the other is that no promises in regard to the cabinet officers were made directly or indirectly during the campaign. Nevertheless, the self-appointed cabinet makers have been busy night and day since the election, and enough names have been submitted to fill half a dozen cabinets. Among the names presented is that of a wealthy New Yorker known in Washington from his relation to the Panama canal transaction in which the French government disposed of its rights in that enterprise for forty millions of dollars. His name is William Nelson Cromwell. Mr. Cromwell is said to be ambitious to enter the cabinet as secretary of state and it is known that his friends are urging his selection upon Mr. Taft. It is understood that he rendered valuable service during the recent campaign, to say nothing of a large contribution.

Postmaster General George von L. Meyer is also much talked of for first place in the cabinet. He is from Massachusetts; has been minister to Russia and has been an active and efficient cabinet minister in his present position. It would be flattering, however, to say that he is of the intellectual dimensions of the present secretary of state. He is, however, a safe and sane man, capable of taking advice, and the history of the country has demonstrated that we can get along after a fashion without brilliancy or genius in cabinet officers.

Free Homesteads in Western South Dakota

We have a book of information that ought to be in the hands of every one who wishes to secure a free homestead. It contains a list showing the location of all the land in the great Sioux reservation, now open to homestead settlement, in the Rapid City land district, as given out by the commissioner of the general land office at Washington, D. C. A card showing the average yearly rainfall as taken at the government observation station at Rapid City, S. D. A card showing the average yield per acre of all the grains grown in this district. A state map showing all the railroads and principal towns of the state. A sectional map showing the location of land now open to homestead settlement, by section, township, range, etc. The maps alone are well worth the money. Fifty cents in currency or a money order sent to M. F. MORRIS, Rapid City, S. Dak., will bring you the outfit complete.

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(In vacation.)
In the Linn County Circuit Court at Brookfield, February Term, 1908.
William S. Savage, Plaintiff,
vs.
William Hart, Thomas Hart, Becca Sterling, Lizzie McAllister, Hulda Hart, Matilda Hart, Kate Hart, Ellen Hart, Lucy Hart, The Unknown heirs of Edward Hoyle, deceased; The Unknown widows of Henry Parkhurst, William Morris, deceased; The Unknown heirs of Stephen Donahoe, deceased, Defendants.

Now on this 7th day of November, 1908, comes the plaintiff and files with the clerk of the Linn County Circuit Court, in vacation, his petition verified by his affidavits, alleging among other things that he is the absolute owner in fee of all the West half of the Southeast quarter of Section No. Seventeen (17) and the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section No. Seventeen (17), all in Township No. Fifty-seven (57) North of Range No. Twenty (20) West, Linn County, Missouri; claiming title to such lands by deed duly recorded in Linn County, Missouri, in book 149 at page 17; that the legal title to such lands has emanated from the general government and the plaintiff and those under whom he claims have been in continuous possession, occupancy and use, paying taxes on the same for more than thirty years last past, and praying that such title be quieted and perfected under the provisions of Section 650 of the Revised Statutes of 1899 of Missouri, and decreed absolute in Plaintiff, and that the clouds appearing on Plaintiff's record title be removed. VIZ.:—The deed, Benjamin K. Bell to Edward Hoyle, dated Jan'y. 13th, 1847, and recorded in Linn County, Missouri, in book G, at page 340, also the deed from J. H. Wilkerson, Collector, to Isaac V. Pratt, dated October 10th, 1863, recorded in Linn Co. Mo., in book P, at page 632 and also deed Register of lands to Stephen Donahoe, dated May 16th, 1890, and recorded in Linn Co. Mo., in book C, at page 428; also the record of a bond for, and dated Sept. 8th, 1894, and recorded in Linn Co. Mo., in book R, at page 116, also that the right of redemption be enjoined and barred as to defendants, they being children and heirs at law of Sally Ann Hart, deceased; on account of the record of the sale and deed made on the 20th day of March, 1876, and recorded in book 21 at page 455.

And also alleging in said petition under oath that each and all of the defendants are nonresidents of the state of Missouri and cannot be served with notice of the pendency of this suit by the usual and ordinary process of law in this state.

That there are persons who have an interest in the subject matter of this suit, whose names he cannot insert because they are unknown and whose interest he cannot describe nor can he tell how derived further than to say by descent.

And praying that all title, apparent title, in defendants' name or names, be divested out of them and invested in plaintiff. It is therefore ordered by the Clerk of this Court in vacation that the defendants, William Hart, Thomas Hart, Becca Sterling, Lizzie McAllister, Hulda Hart, Matilda Hart, Kate Hart, Ellen Hart, Lucy Hart, The Unknown heirs of Edward Hoyle, deceased; The Unknown widows of Henry Parkhurst, William Morris, deceased; The Unknown heirs of Stephen Donahoe, deceased, be and appear at this Court at the next regular term thereof, to be begun and held at the Court House in the City of Brookfield, Linn County, Missouri, on Monday the 15th day of February, 1909, same being the third Monday in February, 1909, and on or before that day appear or answer or plead, or fail to do so, and the plaintiff's petition in said cause or the same will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in The LACLEDE NEWS, 30 days, the last day of publication to be at least 30 days before the first day of said term of Court according to law.

A TRUE COPY FROM THE RECORD.
Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court of Linn County, at Brookfield, this 7th day of November, 1908.
J. O. N. WILSON, Circuit Clerk.
By MAYME F. STALEY, Deputy Clerk.
O. F. LIBBY, Plaintiff's Attorney.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale in Partition
Ezekiel G. Cole, May Swank, Estella Swank and Aditha V. Cook, Plaintiffs,
against
Flora S. Cole, Lettie Cole, Harry Cole, Harvey Cole, Fannie Cole and Maggie Cole, Defendants.

In the Circuit Court of Linn County, Missouri.
By virtue and authority of a decree and order of sale made by the said Court, in the above entitled cause, and of a certified copy thereof, dated June 24th, 1908, I will, on Wednesday, December 16th, 1908, between the hours of Nine o'clock in the forenoon and Five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the front door of the Court House in the city of Lincoln, in Linn County, Missouri, sell, at public vendue, to the highest bidder, the following described Real Estate, viz.:

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Terms of sale as follows, viz.: Cash in hand.
GEO. W. ANDERSON, Sheriff.
O. F. LIBBY, Plaintiff's Attorney.

Guardian's Notice

Notice is hereby given that letters of guardianship have been granted to the undersigned by the probate court of Linn county, Missouri, on the estate of Mahala J. Sights, a person adjudged to be of unsound mind and incapable of managing her affairs.

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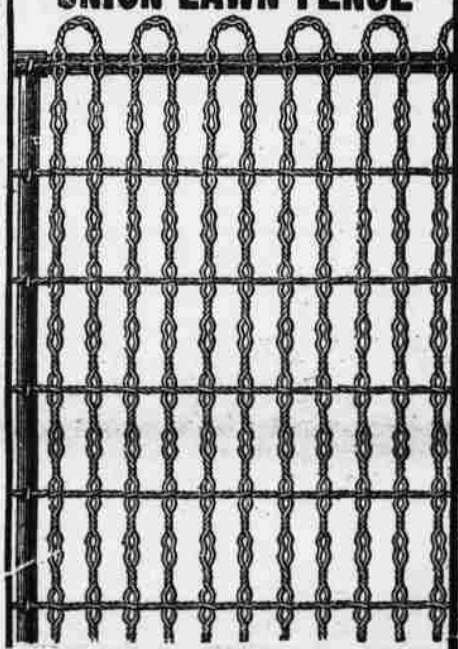
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